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Serial No.: 09/557,633 Group Art Unit: T. A. Vu  
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FOR OBJECT FILES

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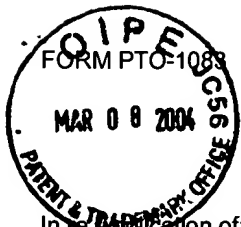
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This paper is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated December 2, 2003, filed in response to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), in which the Examiner rejected all pending claims 1-33 as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art and under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-39 are patentable over the cited art for the reasons discussed herein and in condition for allowance.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10.



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